PATENT APPLICATION

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М# **GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND**

DEVICE

SEMICONDUCTOR LIGHT-EMITTING

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

July 8, 2002 Date:

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(1), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a new Office Action and resetting of the period for reply in the Boveidentified application. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner to order that the current Office Action, dated March 2, 2002, be stricken from the record.

FACTS

The above-identified application was filed on July 10, 2001. As clearly shown by the enclosed date-stamped receipt, the above-identified application included 1 page of abstract, 21 pages of specification and claims, 11 numbered claims and 4 sheets of drawings including figures 1-5.

As also shown by the July 10 date-stamped receipt, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) letter was included with the filing of the above-identified application. In addition to the IDS letter, a PTO-1449, the cited documents and a cited co-pending related application were included. The related co-pending application submitted with the IDS letter was U.S. Application 09/845,336, filed May 1, 2001. The copy of co-pending related U.S. Application 09/845,336 included with the IDS letter included one page of abstract, 41 pages of specification and claims, 14 numbered claims and 7 pages of drawing including figures 1-7.

On March 20, 2002, the undersigned received an Office Action dated March 8, 2002, purportedly directed to the above-identified application. The Office Action was issued by Examiner Laura Schillinger. As clearly indicated in the Office Action Summary (PTO-326) and the Detailed Action, Examiner Schillinger examined claims 1-14. However, as discussed above, the above identified application includes numbered claims 1-11.

Upon a review of the file, the undersigned determined that Examiner Schillinger had inadvertently examined related co-pending U.S. Application 09/845,336, submitted with the IDS letter included with the above-identified application on the July 10, 2001 filing date. In an April 16, 2002 telephone conference between Examiner Schillinger and the undersigned, the undersigned agreed to file a Request for a New Office Action and Restarting of the Period for Reply Under MPEP §710.06. Such request was prepared and filed on April 19, 2002, as clearly shown by the enclosed date-stamped receipt.

In a June 12, 2002 telephone conference between Examiner Schillinger and the undersigned, Examiner Schillinger indicated that she had forwarded the file wrapper to Supervisory Patent Examiner Chaudhuri for consideration of the Request filed April 19, 2002. Examiner Schillinger also indicated that the file wrapper contained only a single application having 14 claims.

In a June 18, 2002 telephone conference between Examiner Chaudhuri and the undersigned, the undersigned agreed to provide a copy of the above identified application as filed along with a copy of the July 10, 2001 dated-stamp receipt indicating receipt of the

above-identified application by the Patent Office. The undersigned prepared and forwarded a copy of the application as filed and a copy of the date-stamped receipt. A copy of the PTO's auto-reply facsimile transmission, dated June 18, 2002 indicating receipt of the 29 page facsimile is enclosed.

REQUEST

The undersigned respectfully requests admission of the copy of the application as forwarded to Examiner Chaudhuri by facsimile on June 18, 2002. In addition, the undersigned respectfully requests that the file wrapper be forwarded to Examiner Schillinger for search and examination of the claimed subject matter claimed in claims 1-11. Finally, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Office Action issued May 8, 2002 by Examiner Schillinger be stricken from the record as the Detailed Action portion of the March 8, 2002 Office Action is directed to the claimed subject matter of claims 1-14 of related co-pending U.S. Application 09/845,336. The undersigned has already received an Office Action from Examiner Andy Huynh of Art Unit 2818 dated January 31, 2002, directed to the subject matter recited in claims 1-14 of U.S. Application 09/845,336. Applicants have already responded to the January 31, 2002 Office Action issued by Examiner Huynh and respectfully submit that they are under no obligation to respond to the March 8, 2002 Office Action issued by Examiner Schillinger.

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In addition, it is respectfully submitted that as the March 8, 2002 Office Action issued by Examiner Schillinger differs from the January 31, 2002 Office Action issued by Examiner Huynh, it is respectfully submitted that the two Office Actions are in conflict and that only the Office Action properly issued by Examiner Huynh should remain part of the written record of U.S. Application 09/845,336.

Finally, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due for this Petition under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136 as it is respectfully submitted that the April 19, 2002 Request was fully responsive to the March 8, 2002 Office Action. In the event that any fee is believed due to ensure consideration of this Petition, the undersigned authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 03-3975 (Order No. 51273/281542) in the amount necessary to ensure such consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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